

Army moves toward realignment

By Joe Burlas
Army News Service

WASHINGTON—The Army will soon move to realign the Department of the Army headquarters staff and cut a number of weapons systems from the drawing board in order to better support Transformation and the warfighting force, according to the Army’s top civilian leader.

Secretary of the Army Thomas E. White made those observations during an Association of the U.S. Army symposium held in Washington Nov. 8-9.

“Being at war is no excuse for not implementing business reform — we should not assume that we’re going to be granted an unlimited budget as a result of 11 September,” White said. “The reality is that we’re under fiscal constraints as a consequence of the enormous investment our nation is making in recovering from the attacks and pursuing the war against terrorism. Thus, transformation of our business prac-

tices cannot wait, and we’re going to start at the top.”

White, a retired Army brigadier and former chief executive officer of a Fortune 500 company, directed a task force last June to examine all functions of the Army and Secretariat staffs. The goal was to make realignment recommendations that reduce redundancy, maximize the use of technology and incorporate other successful better business practices from the corporate world.

“No successful corporate headquarters in the world today is organized the way we are in Headquarters, Department of the Army,” White said when he initiated the staff review last summer. “We currently have two separate staffs, often performing some of the same or similar functions.”

The recommendations are now in, but the Army will wait until Senate Armed Services Committee leaders and select budget representatives are briefed before releasing the results.

However, White did say that

the recommendations will allow the Army to move realigned military manpower slots from HQDA “to the tooth end of our warfighting capabilities” when incorporated.

The Army expects to complete the HQDA realignment by next spring, he said.

Two additional realignments are planned: one for the Army’s field operating agencies and another for its major military commands.

The Army will recommend the elimination of a number of weapons systems under development, including the fire-and-forget Tube-launched, Optically tracked, Wire-guided missile system, in order to fund higher priority programs, White told reporters during the AUSA symposium.

A list of those systems will not be available until it clears the Senate Armed Services Committee, according to Army officials.

“We have made difficult choices to focus the money where we think it needs to be,” White said.



Bright Star
Heather Barta waits with anticipation for her husband to return from Egypt before dawn Tuesday. Joshua, 2, and Gabrielle, 1, haven't seen their dad for two months. He and fellow 977th Military Police Company soldiers deployed to Operation Bright Star.

Shinseki: Objective Force Army’s ‘system of systems’

By Joe Burlas
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WASHINGTON—Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki may not know exactly what the future Objective Force will look like, but he is sure that it will be built as a networked system of systems, keep the Army from becoming irrelevant and be fielded this decade.

Shinseki made those observations while addressing an Association of the U.S. Army symposium held in Washington Nov. 8-9.

“‘I don’t know’ does not mean ‘I don’t care,’” Shinseki said in reference to moving Transformation ahead without firm blueprints on the table for the Objective Force. “...The science and technology insights and breakthroughs are being discovered today in labs, workshops and simulations centers all across the country. We’re looking for capabilities that will gird a capabilities-based force for the full spectrum of missions we will face in the 21st century.”

Shortly after assuming the Army’s top leadership position a little more than two years ago, Shinseki announced his vision for a future Objective Force that would be more deployable than current heavy divisions, yet have more lethal firepower than today’s airborne and light divisions. The move toward his vision is known as Transformation.

The chief talked about the only map he has permanently placed in his office since he moved in. It depicts the landmass surrounding the Caspian Sea — including Afghanistan — in Central Asia. Because of the remoteness and poor lines of communication in the area, Shinseki said it reminded him on a daily basis of the importance of Transformation.

“We must be able to project power anywhere in the world — not just in the easily accessible areas with multiple air and sea ports of debarkation, but in the most remote, landlocked and infrastructure-poor areas as well,” Shinseki said. “That goal was critical as we crafted the Army Vision over two years ago.

Our current operations in Central Asia reinforce the need for Objective Force capabilities as we

balance this global war against the asymmetries of international terrorism with the regional threats that demand our attention and a need for conventional warfighting prowess.”

The danger of the Army not transforming into a force that can project real sustainable combat power anywhere in the world is the Army becoming irrelevant to national security, he said.

The primary vehicle for Trans-

formation is the yet-to-be-developed Future Combat System.

The envisioned FCS will be networked to allow real-time situational awareness and require less logistics and maintenance than current combat systems.

It will also be able to operate more effectively in joint operations.

However, Transformation isn’t just about new equipment, Shinseki said, it is also about people.

“All the weapons in the world are useless without the intellect, dedication and remarkable sense of duty of the American soldier walking point for our nation,” he said. “This is all about our soldiers; they remain the centerpiece of our formations. They are the ones who have won our past wars for 226 years; they are the ones who will win this war; and they will win the wars to come.”

Shinseki said he will spend the

remaining two years of his tenure as chief of staff of the Army building irreversible momentum to field the Objective Force this decade.

Mentioning last year’s annual AUSA symposium where had he first announced the fielding of the controversial black beret, Shinseki got loud laughs when he said that soldiers would not be issued umbrellas or brown aviator jackets in the coming year.

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Townhall Message:

By Col. Philip Pope
Garrison Commander

Set your spending limit and don’t change it. Once the list is finished, it’s time to go shopping. Shop early so that you have time to compare prices among stores.
Waiting until the last minute

means you may have to buy something no matter the cost.
Remember, if you use a charge card, use the one with the lowest interest rate.
Don’t forget homemade and personal gifts. They are always welcome and appreciated.
When the shopping is completed and the last gift on the list has been purchased, comes the most important step: stop shopping.
Follow these few simple steps early in the holiday season and you’ll avoid that feeling of having overspent. Instead you will feel in control and free of the dreaded “Holiday Hangover.”

Post welcomes ‘Letters to the Editor’

By James B. Pritchett
Editor
Building a better community requires input from its citizens. One way to affect change is to bring issues into the open to allow for discussion.
"Letters to the Editor" are one means to calling attention to concerns of those who live and work on Fort Riley.
The Fort Riley Post accepts letters to the editor and will publish them depending on space available to editorial content.
In recent months, there have only been a few submissions and unfortunately, some of those did not meet the criteria required for publication.
Letters to the editor are not an open invitation to express your opinion about something or someone. Submissions most likely to make the pages of the Post are well thought out and reasoned.
Letters must also be signed with a person's real name and rank if applicable and include a day-time phone number in the event clarification is needed to get your point across to the readership. Phone numbers will not be published; names will be published with the article without exception.
Letters should be less than 300 words and may be edited for clarity or space availability. Writers are limited to one letter every two months.
When composing a letter, consider the number of people affected by your concern. If your issue only affects you, there may be a better avenue to accomplishing your goal, such as your chain of command or the Inspector General.
Any letters may be shared with the Command Group prior to publishing for resolution.
Remember, this newspaper is the commander's voice and as such it should be a tool to convey ideas and concerns in a thoughtful and productive manner.
E-mail submissions are the best way to gain consideration for an upcoming issue.
E-mail a letter to the editor at afznpomr@riley.army.mil
Ensure the letter follows general rules of grammar, spelling and

punctuation. A poorly worded submission will not convey your meaning in an effective manner.
If the subject matter requires resolution of a problem, include a suggested course of action.
The Fort Riley Post cannot publish letters that are libelous, in poor taste, violate security, are inaccurate or question Army policy. Matters of politics are prohibited by regulation.
Letters to the editor are not a battleground for repeated arguing between opposing parties. Rebuttals are welcome; successive volleys are not. No more than two letters by a single writer on a specific topic will be published
Letters of a thank-you nature may be limited and letters with long lists of names will not be considered.
Remember, thank-you notes are best shared with the parties deserving praise. These types of letters will receive the lowest priority.
Deadlines for submission are set for Fridays two-weeks prior to the publication date to allow review and editing.

Recruiting team plans visit

By Julia Bobick
Recruiting Command

FORT KNOX, Ky.—Two recruiters are visiting Fort Riley Dec. 4-5 to dispel the myths about recruiting duty and encourage soldiers to join the winning team of recruiters who have achieved their Army and Army Reserve missions for the past two fiscal years.
The Recruit the Recruiter Team is presenting briefings on the challenges, benefits and opportunities that come with serving as an Army recruiter.
“Soldiers’ anxieties about recruiting duty — ‘Can I make it on recruiting duty?’ — are often compounded by negative word of mouth. That’s why we are conducting these installation tours and have established a Recruit the Recruiter Web site at www.usarec.army.mil,” said MSgt. Jack Miracle, the NCOIC of the Special Missions Recruiting Team for the U.S. Army Recruiting Command.
“We want to give soldiers factual information to dispel the rumors in a non-threatening environment. We think that when soldiers have more information, they will be pleased at what recruiting duty can offer them,” he said.
This fiscal year, the Recruiting Command must identify about 2,600 new detailed recruiters from Department of the Army selections, or through soldiers volunteering for recruiting duty.
To entice more soldiers to

volunteer, there is also a new incentive this year. Volunteers can identify their top three choices for their recruiting company assignment from the more than 200 recruiting companies across the States.
Soldiers who volunteer for recruiting duty serve a 36-month tour.
They first attend the Army Recruiter Course at Fort Jackson, S.C. The 53-day course has five major segments: introduction to recruiting, management, eligibility, prospecting and sales techniques, and communications skill.
Following the Recruiter Course is a nine-month non-rated new recruiter program, during which the new recruiters sharpen the skills they learned in the course.
Recruiting duty involves long hours and hard work, but the rewards are worth the effort.
Recruiters live and work in the civilian community. They build networks with schools, universities, local government agencies and other organizations.
They interact and network with community leaders and become very experienced in sales and management.
Promotions are faster for recruiters than for peers without this experience. Recruiters who convert to MOS 79R have much higher promotion rates to sergeant first class than the Army average.
Opportunities for personal recognition are great. In addition

to the Army awards program, recruiters are eligible to earn the Recruiter’s Silver Badge with gold stars, the Gold Badge with sapphires, the Recruiter Ring, and the Sergeant Major of the Army Glen E. Morrell Medalion. Recruiters can also compete for induction into the USAREC Sergeant Audie Murphy Club.
Recruiters receive an extra \$375 each month in special duty assignment pay and up to \$75 per month in allowances for authorized expenses.
Currently 23 percent of detailed recruiters are volunteers; the Army selects the remainder.
Volunteers will receive their recruiting company assignment before reporting to the Army Recruiter Course; DA-select recruiters do not learn their recruiting duty assignment until about the fourth week of the course.
Miracle encourages soldiers to attend the volunteer recruiting briefings 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 4-5 at Normandy Theater or visit the Web site.
Either way, soldiers can learn more about the eligibility requirements to become a recruiter and the benefits of recruiting duty.
For information, call 239-5953. Soldiers can call the Recruit the Recruiter Team at (502) 626-0271 DSN 536-0271, or go to the USAREC website at www.usarec.army.mil and follow the link to Recruit the Recruiter.

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Post hunting policies updated

Fort Riley hunting, fishing and fuelwood permits and firearms registration can be acquired by both Department of Defense ID cardholders and non-DoD ID cardholders at the Fort Riley Outdoor Recreation Center, Bldg. 9011 Rifle Range Road.
Firearms must be registered before they are brought onto the installation. Firearms deer carcass tags can be acquired at the Fort Riley Conservation Division Office, Bldg. 1020 Huebner Road.
Permits, tags and registrations are no longer available at Fort Riley’s Range Control Annex, Bldg. 9001.
The Outdoor Recreation Center is open Tuesday-Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. (except federal holidays) and Saturday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Conservation Division is open Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. (except federal holidays).
For more information, contact the Conservation Division office at 785-239-6211 or email afznesn@riley.army.mil

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The Shoppe has restocked after a very successful Christmas Open House. The Shoppe has many holiday items for your home or gift giving. Lots of smalls for those holiday host and hostess gifts and your Christmas ornament exchange parties. Stop by and visit The Shoppe Tuesday-Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. The Shoppe is located at Bldg. 259 Stuart Ave. Phone 785-239-2783. The Shoppe will be open on Mondays during the month of December to help fulfill your holiday needs.

Thrift Shop

The Fort Riley Thrift Shop is located in Bldg. 267 on Stuart Avenue near the stables. Store hours are 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Tuesday-Thursday and 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month. The shop currently has numerous formals in stock for the upcoming holiday ball season.

Consignments are accepted from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Volunteers are needed during business hours to help tag and put donations on the shelves. Child care reimbursement is available. For information, call 784-3874. The Thrift Shop now has an e-mail address, thrift@oz-online.net, for customer questions or concerns.

Christmas Shoppe

Custer Hill Elementary School will be having a Lil' Shopper's Christmas Shoppe Nov. 30 from 3:30-6 p.m. and Dec. 1 from 9 a.m. to noon in the school gymnasium. The shoppe will feature inexpensive, high quality gifts for family and friends. Prices range from 25 cents to \$10, with most items priced under \$5. The public is invited to come shop with us.

Skating Rink

Riley Wheels Skating Rink, located inside King Field House, Main Post, is available for rent for private functions. For details call 239-3764.

Holiday Reservations

Riley's Conference Center is taking reservations for the upcoming holiday season.

Units, groups and organizations are encouraged to plan ahead and make reservations now for catered parties, functions and events.

Riley's catering hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and appointments can be made for Saturday. Information on catering, banquet and party options is available by calling 784-5999.

Golf Course Sale

The Custer Hill Golf Course Pro Shop Holiday Sale has been set for Friday through Dec. 15. The Pro Shop will offer 20 percent discounts on its quality line of golf clubs, clothing, hats and shoes during the sale period. As a special offer, customers who spend \$750 or more in Pro Shop purchases during the sales period will receive a free \$150 annual membership to the Custer Hill Golf Course.

Cancer Support Group

The Fort Riley Cancer Support Group is meeting Dec. 5 at 6 p.m., at Irwin Army Community Hospital, first floor, in the patient waiting area of the Surgery Clinic. Servicemembers, their family

members and Department of Army Civilians are welcome to attend. Participation is encouraged for persons who were recently diagnosed with cancer, family and friends of persons with cancer, and cancer survivors. For information call 239-7163.

Tobacco Cessation

New classes are forming to kick that tobacco habit. Irwin Army Community Hospital offers a four-week tobacco cessation program, which meets on Wednesdays from 5-6 p.m. or Thursdays from 3:30-4:30 p.m. For those concerned about gaining weight after kicking the tobacco habit, a dietician teaches participants healthy ways to avoid weight gain. Servicemembers, their families, and DoD civilians may participate in the cessation program. For information call 239-7323.

OCS Board

The Officer Candidate School board will be held on Dec. 11-12 at 9 a.m. at 1st PSB, Bldg. 7806 in the perstempo office.

CYS Volunteers

Child and Youth Services need volunteers to be mentors, youth sports coaches, chaperones, office aides, maintenance aides and special presenters. Contact Cathy Spiegel, at 239-9850 for more information. Volunteers who work in CYS programs require background checks.

CDC Expands Care

The Child Development Center has expanded the hourly care program in both hours and capacity. Care is now available for children six weeks old to kindergarten age. Hourly care is open 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Reservations can be made up to 30 days in advance. Child and Youth Services registration is required to utilize the hourly care program. Call the Central Enrollment Registry Office at 239-4847 to register for the program.

Hourly care reservations can be made by calling the Child Development Center at 239-9935.

Recruiters Visit

The Recruit the Recruiter Team from Headquarters, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Fort Knox, Ky. will brief on the challenges, benefits and opportunities to become recruiters. Attendance by all NCO's is highly encouraged. This briefing in no way obligates you for recruiting duty, a personal interview following the briefing will determine qualifications. Briefings will be held at the Normandy Theater, Dec. 4-5 at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. each day. For information call 239-5953.

Self Help

Every unit is required to have an NCO and three school trained members on their Self-Help Team. The Public Works Self-Help School can help units establish a good Self-Help Program. The course is scheduled every month and the next is scheduled to start Monday. Classes are also scheduled for Dec. 10-14 and Jan. 7-11. For information visit the PW web site or call 239-3757.

Vehicle Registration

Department of Defense vehicle registration stickers are controlled forms and must be accounted for. Vehicle stickers are issued to authorized individuals for the purpose of identifying properly regis-

tered privately owned vehicles.

Vehicle owners are responsible for the control of these stickers and must return them if the ownership of the vehicle is transferred. The sticker must be scraped off the window and returned to the Vehicle Registration Office in Bldg. 210. Stickers stolen or otherwise missing from a vehicle must be reported immediately to the Vehicle Registration Office or to the Military Police Desk at 239-MPMP (6767). Stickers are not transferable. When purchasing a new vehicle it must be registered with the Vehicle Registration Office.

Thanksgiving meal

Thanksgiving lunch will be served in the Custer Hill dining facilities Wednesday and in the Main Post dining facility Thursday. Hours for the all-you-can-eat lunch are as follows: Bldg. 7011, Wednesday, noon-3 p.m.; Bldg. 7245, Wednesday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Bldg. 7856, Wednesday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.; Bldg. 8063, Wednesday, noon-2:30 p.m.; Bldg. 251, Thursday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Fire Calls

1:57 p.m. Oct. 24 responded to Building 227, based on a report of an odor of something burning. Upon arrival found an air handler motor burnt. The power was shut off until the motor is replaced.

3:18 p.m. Oct. 26 responded to a quarters in McClellan Loop on a reported stove fire. Upon arrival found occupants extinguished the fire in the kitchen area, but the fire had extended into the wall. The wall behind the stove had to be opened up to extinguish the fire. No injury to occupants. Cause of fire was unattended cooking.

11:54 a.m. Oct. 25 responded to a vehicle accident at Trooper and McCormick

5:12 p.m. Oct. 25 responded to a vehicle accident at Trooper and Desert Storm.

9:05 a.m. Oct. 26 responded to a vehicle fire at Caisson and 1st division.

9:47 p.m. Oct. 27 responded to a vehicle roll over on 1st Division.

Catholic Soldier Service

Fort Riley is now hosting a new Catholic Soldier Service at 6 p.m. Sunday evenings at Kapaun Chapel Bldg. 7806. Volunteers are needed to help with the service. For information, call 239-2818/6684.

Helping Hand

For some families, being able to enjoy a nice family dinner during the holidays can be a difficult experience. Operation Helping Hand helps those families enjoy the holidays by providing them with financial assistance to buy

food during the holidays.

Throughout the holiday season, donations are made to units, as well as on post chapels.

Battalions and separate companies First Sergeants and Sergeants Major accept donations. Chapel contributions will be accepted during designated offerings the week of December 2. For more information contact Chap. (Maj.) James Paulson at 239-3436.

Jewish Services Start

Jewish religious services are being held at Normandy Chapel for anyone desiring to attend at 6 p.m. Friday nights.

Rent-A-Teen

Have any projects around the house or in the yard that you can't seem to get to? Why not call Rent-A-Teen? Rent-A-Teen is a fundraising activity for the youth of Club Beyond. Call Don Ericson, Club Beyond director, at 238-4436 to Rent-A-Teen.

Protestant Women Meet

Protestant Women of the Chapel meet Tuesdays from 9-11 a.m. and Thursdays 7-9 p.m. at Morris Hill Chapel. Watchcare is provided. For information, call 239-3359 or 784-4926.

Bible Study

A weekly Bible Study is set for 7 p.m. every Monday at 41C Sheridan Place. For information, call 717-3072 or 784-6146.

Worship Service

A Protestant Liturgical Worship Service has resumed at St. Mary's Chapel every Sunday at 8:30 a.m. For information, call 239-5313/5711.

AFTB Classes

Are you new to the military family? Want to understand "Army Lingo?" Can you read the LES? Join us for Military Life 101 offered by the Army Family Team Building Program, Wednesday, Dec. 5, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Soldier and Family Support Center. Also offered that day is a

class on how to talk to the media. Would you know what to say if a reporter asked you about upcoming deployments or the security on post? Join us at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 5 at the same location to learn the 'Do's and Don'ts' for responding to the media. Call 239-1366 or 239-9435 to register for either of these classes or email: dcaarmyfam@riley.army.mil.

Theater Production

The Junction City Little Theater will host "Nuncrackers" the Nunsense Christmas Musical Nov.23-25 and Dec. 1 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Call 238-6220 for reservations.

Quilting

Learn how to machine piece and machine quilt. You can make a christmas table topper or tree skirt. Stop by the Arts and Crafts Center and see the pattern and ask for more information or call 239-9205.

CFC Ends Nov. 29

The Fort Riley Combined Federal Campaign has reached just over 85 percent of its 2001 goal with contributions and pledges at \$138,843 reported in the period ending Nov. 16.

A final campaign collection will be taken November 29. Each year Fort Riley Federal employees and military personnel raise thousands of dollars through the CFC that benefits non-profit charities. For information, call (785) 239-3467.

EFMP Celebration

The Exceptional Family Member Holiday Celebration is Dec. 5, from 6-9 p.m., at Riley's Conference Center. It will include toys for the children, refreshments and a visit by Santa. R.S.V.P. deadline is Monday. For information, call 239-9435.

Gymnastics

Tumbling gymnastics classes will be offered Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9-9:50 a.m. starting Dec. 4 at the Teen Center Gym, Bldg. 5800. Chil-

dren 3-5 years old are eligible for the class. Sign up for either day or both. The cost is \$20 a month. For information, call 239- 4847.

Christian Praise Band

Normandy Chapel's Contemporary Protestant service needs Christian musicians for a contemporary Christian praise band.

Musicians needed are a drummer, bass player and electric guitar player.

A drum set and bass guitar are available to play, but the chapel does not have an electric guitar.

Rehearsals are Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings; service is at 11 a.m. Sunday morning.

If interested, contact Chaplain (MAJ) Jim Paulson at 239-3436.

Flu Vaccinations

Irwin Army Community Hospital will administer influenza vaccinations to military family members, age 65 and older retired military service members and their eligible dependents Dec. 3-7 from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 - 3 p.m.

Beneficiaries are required to bring their outpatient records with them.

The hospital's health care staff will be giving the flu shots in the area of the Pharmacy Refill Window and Outpatient Records.

The flu shot is strongly encouraged for the following patients: beneficiaries who are age 65 and older; beneficiaries with lung, heart; or other chronic health conditions; expectant mothers in their 2nd and 3rd trimester of pregnancy; long-term care residents; children who are on long-term aspirin therapy, and beneficiaries who live or work with any of the above individuals.

For more information, call 239-7582.

Commissary Closure

The Commissary will be closed Thursday and Friday.

Club Beyond

The Club Beyond Ministry Support Group will meet Sunday at 7 p.m. in the basement of St. Mary's Chapel.

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Weekend Shuttle Bus Service	
Sports USA, 2600 Trooper Drive, Camp Forsyth, will offer free, weekend shuttle bus service to and from the Custer Hill area beginning today, according to Jim Rose, Sports USA General Manager.	
The shuttle will run hourly on Fridays and Saturdays, 6 p.m. to Midnight and Sundays, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Shuttle stops and departure times include:	
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Fort Riley assists in recycling efforts

By Kevin Doheny
Sports Editor

America Recycles Day, is a national awareness event promoting the social, environmental and economic benefits of recycling. It was founded Nov. 15, 1997.

Starting with 750,000 participants in 37 states it now reaches more than 3 million participants in 50 states.

In 1999, former President Bill Clinton proclaimed Nov. 15 as America Recycles Day, a day for all Americans to, “take personal responsibility for the environment not only by recycling, but also by choosing to purchase and use products made from recycled materials.”

Fort Riley did their part in the ARD activities by devoting an entire week to the awareness of the importance of recycling.

“In support of the event, the Directorate of Environment and Safety sponsored a number of recycling and recycling awareness activities throughout the week of Nov. 11th,” said Dianne

Schnorenberg of DES. “This year’s involvement marks Fort Riley’s fourth annual involvement in ARD, and was marked by a signing of a proclamation.”

“The promotion of recycling . . . removes reusable materials from solid waste landfills.”
—Dianne Schnorenberg
DES

The Chief of Staff Col. Michael Phillips signed the proclamation, which focuses more attention on the importance of recycling and closing the loop by encouraging employers, staff, customers and citizens to pledge to buy more recycled-content products.

Schnorenberg believes soldiers benefit from ARD activities.

“The promotion of recycling and the use of recycled-content products removes reusable materials from solid waste landfills,”

she said. “As the lifespan of these materials is extended, we benefit through reductions in solid waste pollution, conservation of natural resources and raw materials, and reductions in air and water pollution as a result of lower raw material production. These environmental benefits impact us where we live, through the foods we eat, the air we breathe, and the water we need to survive. Also, the soldiers benefit by enjoying a cleaner post.”

The importance of recycling is in the numbers.

Each year Americans generate more than 217 million tons of municipal solid waste. The number breaks down into 4.4 pounds of waste per person each day.

While the nation has reached an overall recycling rate of more than 28 percent, much more can be done to increase recycling efforts and to encourage the purchase of products made with recycled content.

In order to help out with recycling on post, the DES opened a recycle collection point at Camp

Forsyth on Sep. 7 to supplement the recycling efforts being made at Camp Funston, and to offer a more convenient collection point to Fort Riley personnel. The collection point is maintained by the United States Army Garrison, and is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The DES appreciated all the support it received from all personnel involved.

“We would like to express our appreciation to the students, teachers and administrators at the Fort Riley Elementary schools for the creation of the posters in the support of ARD and the overall enthusiasm expressed toward the goals of ARD,” said Schnorenberg.

Winning the battle of stopping the unnecessary use of non-recyclable materials cannot be won from just one location.

Helping aid in the battle is what the DES office is trying to do. Helping out and using recyclable materials could go a long way to help fight the battle against too much solid waste.

Commissary scholarships open to military children

Don't be like those holiday shoppers who wait until the last minute. Applications and fact sheets for the 2002 Scholarships for Military Children program are available at your local commissary and at www.commissaries.com.

The deadline for filing completed applications for the \$1,500 scholarships is Feb. 5.

More than 5,000 students applied for the scholarships last year. Nearly 400 scholarships were awarded. DeCa anticipates receiving double the applications and even more scholarship awards in 2002.

The \$1,500 scholarships are funded through industry donations and the program is administered by the Fisher House Foundation through a professional scholarship evaluation company.

Fisher House is known for building and donating fully furnished comfort homes near military medical facilities where families of patients receiving medical care can stay at a reasonable cost.

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Post’s historic district, they traveled to Custer Hill where they toured the Directorate of Community Activities’ Family Support Center where they learned about how the “Home of America’s Army” takes care of its own.

The next stop on the class’ whirlwind tour of the post came at the Close Combat Tactical Trainer where they enjoyed a demonstration of the training center’s tactical computer simulations.

The demonstration was followed by a few moments for each class member to actually enter either an M-2 Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicle or an M1A1 Abrams Main Battle Tank simulator.

Following that familiarization, the class examined the real McCoy’s at a tactical equipment static display that featured an M1A1 Abrams, an M-2 IFV, an ACE Combat Engineer Vehicle and a scout HMMWV with mounted weapon system.

“Getting the chance to meet and visit with the soldiers is always the highlight of the day for most members of the class,” Cray said.

Gough agreed saying that “Our soldiers are always our best spokesmen and women.”

Next came lunch with the Big Red One’s 1st Brigade soldiers at one of Fort Riley’s newest dining facility. “I was really surprised at the great quality of the food here,” said Mitzi Frieling, of the Kansas State Alumni Association. “And I have really been impressed by the soldiers I have met today.”

Lyle Butler, president of the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce, agreed that the day was well spent. “I would like to get the staff members from the chambers of commerce in both Manhattan and Junction City together to spend a day like this on post,” he said. “I think then everybody we work with would have a much better understanding of what the soldiers do here on Fort Riley and we would all be on the same sheet of music.”

Following lunch, the group was taken back to Bldg. 808 where Col. Philip T. Pope, the garrison commander, led them in a wrap-up session.

Pope stressed the importance of leadership and civilian groups visiting “their” army whenever they had the chance. He went on to stress the numerous contributions Fort Riley and its citizens make to Kansas and the region.

He ended his session by fielding a variety of questions from the group ranging from base realignment considerations and reduced access concerns.

“Based on a wide range of factors from our training facilities, our world class railhead and the quality of the land we have to train on here,” Pope said. “I don’t think that the words BRAC and Fort Riley belong in the same sentence.”

Following the wrap-up session, the class divided into smaller groups and conducted a series of leadership workshops until 5 p.m. when the group’s annual Fort Riley Day drew to a close.

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to complete 10 years of active federal commissioned service prior to completing 20 years of active federal service.

Out of the 200 applications that PERSCOM is currently processing, Floro said as long as they meet the career qualifications, he doesn’t see any reason why they won’t get approved.

“The biggest cause for disapproval will come from those who were separated from the Army because of disability,” Floro said.

Acceptance into the military for prior-service soldiers will depend on their last discharge, said Frank Shaffery, deputy director of recruiting operations for USAREC.

“We do not process retirees here, and we do not accept individuals who were barred from reenlistment,” Shaffery said. “Any person that has displayed poor performance or poor character will be denied re-entry, unless he goes through PERSCOM and gets a waiver.”

Bonuses are being offered to people who enlist for combat arms specialties. But, Shaffery said, USAREC would never give an individual a better opportunity to come in off the street than they would give a soldier who reenlists.

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and all junior enlisted soldiers are required to become nationally certified in EMT, Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support and Trauma-AIMS.

In fiscal year 2001, 146 Fort Riley soldiers received EMT training, 58 received Trauma-AIMS training and 159 were trained in Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support.

Unlike other military facilities in the country, Fort Riley is able to offer its students 15 college credits when they complete all three courses because they are taught through Barton Community College.

“The college credit piece is unbelievable,” said Wallace. “This is a proud point for the 91W program at Fort Riley. There is a great partnership with Barton, the education office, the MEDDAC, the troop schools and the G-3 staff.”

Sgt. Anthony Haney, MEDDAC, said the college credits are great because they will help him when he competes for promotion. “College credit is not always easy to get (when you’re in a line unit) compared with people who have been in the hospital.”

In addition to college credits, Fort Riley’s program exceeds others with financial support, according to Wallace.

“Funding has been a showstopper at other posts,” he said. “In order to establish these training programs, you need to purchase the training equipment and it’s not cheap. Because of the partnership here, it has been a very vibrant program.”

Despite all of the perks, Wallace and Foreman note that there has been a challenge in filling the classes with soldiers.

“The challenge we have at Fort Riley is valid training distracters, red cycle brigade missions and gate control. We’re very mindful and sensitive to the issue that brigades are juggling hundreds of balls, and one of the balls is getting their medics trained,” said Wallace.

Sgt. Kelly Reid has been in the Army for 10 years and was previously a combat medic. He is currently serving in Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry and is undergoing his Trauma-AIMS certification.

Reid welcomed the 91W transition. “It means more opportunity for training. A more qualified medic means less chances of sending soldiers to the hospital for things we can take care of.”

“My colonel (Lt. Col. David Boslego) has made it mandatory for all 91W soldiers to go through the training. This is the first unit I’ve been in with so much support.”

“We’re in a period of time in this country today where if a medic goes into an environment where he or she needs to provide healthcare, we owe it to them that they get their training,” said Wallace.

The non-continuous, seven-and-a-half-weeks of training is scenario based.

“We’re giving them all the tools that they would need to use when they get to the battlefield because the type of injuries that they will see are the same type of injuries that we train them to take care of,” said Foreman.

Dr. (Maj.) Marc Daymude, 91W program director and EMS director, has already seen the advantages of the transition.

Recently a soldier fell off of his tank and the trained medic was focused on the proper vital signs. “Previously it was easy to get focused on the blood and forget about other primary issues like checking their breathing,” he said.

Although the 91W program is a six-year transformation, a large number of classes are scheduled for fiscal year 2002 because Wallace wants to get soldiers trained to a point where Fort Riley is ahead of the game.

“(The training) provides soldiers with college credits, it shows soldiers we’re willing to invest in them and it creates a well-trained medic,” he said. “It results in retention, improved morale, medic pride, and a person who makes a difference,” said Wallace.

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Limit daily caffeine intake

By Guy A. Desmond
William Beaumont AMC

While you are reading this story, you may be drinking or eating a form of caffeine. Many foods and beverages that we eat or drink daily have caffeine in them.

Many of us can't imagine a morning without coffee, tea, or a soft drink. In fact, coffee is synonymous with caffeine in many nutrition books. We rationalize our use of caffeine as a way to start the day. Caffeine is a stimulant, which has many effects on our body and should be limited to avoid unfavorable health problems.

Caffeine can help keep you alert. It is used widely for its stimulant effects, but did you know it could cause insomnia? A good night's sleep of seven to eight hours is recommended. Consuming too much caffeine in food or beverages before bedtime may cause problems. You should avoid caffeine within two hours of bedtime. You will sleep well and be more effective the next day.

Sometimes life is stressful. Stress is of course a normal part of everyday life. When you are having that tough day, you may want to avoid caffeine and try exercise or meditation. Caffeine can be problematic in the resolution of anxiety and stress. The absence of caffeine may make you feel more relaxed. Remember that caffeine is also in many over-the-counter medications and is often hidden in the long list of ingredients. Read those labels.

Did you ever have a bad case of heartburn? The lining of the stomach is protected from its own acid. However, caffeine can have an adverse effect on this protective system.

So what is the right or recommended amount of caffeine? Most nutritionists and health professionals agree that 300 milligrams of caffeine is safe. This amount equals two to three cups of coffee daily, but as we know many foods also have large amounts of caffeine and should be considered when limiting caffeine.

So how do you decrease your caffeine intake? Try decaffeinated beverages. They are widely available and often the taste is indistinguishable from the regular beverage. Most clear soft drinks are caffeine-free. Postum and Pero are also commonly used in place of regular coffee.

A great way to reduce caffeine is to take a brisk walk instead of the usual "coffee break."

Powerlifting Championship draws near

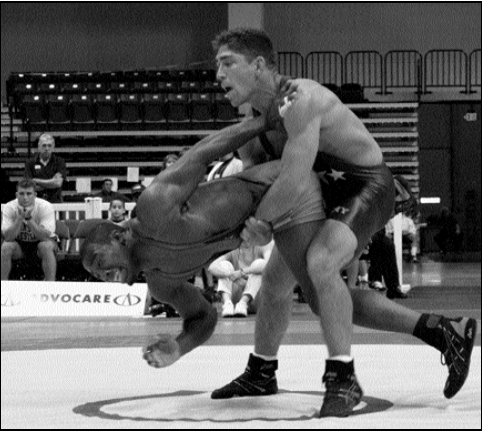
The 2001 Fort Riley Powerlifting Championship will be held Dec. 6 at 4 p.m. at King Field House.

The weight classes for the event are: Men's: 123, 132, 148, 165, 181, 198, 220 and unlimited; and Women's: 123, 132, 148, 165 and over 165 pounds.

Weigh-ins will be conducted Dec. 6 at 11:30 a.m. until 1: 30 p.m. at King Field House.

The order of the events will be the squat, bench press and then the dead lift.

There will be both team and individual awards, and an award for most outstanding lifter.



Keith Sieracki lifts his opponent in the air during the 167.5 lb final match.

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Team coach Terrance Thomas hits the bag during a workout at Craig Gym Monday. Thomas and his teammates will take on the rest of the post Nov. 27- Dec. 1 in the post-wide boxing tournament at King Field House.

Float like a butterfly, sting like a bee

By Kevin Doheny
Sports Editor

According to Webster's Dictionary, the definition of preparation is the action or process of making something ready for use or service or of getting ready for some occasion, test or duty.

Well, a group of soldiers are doing just what they should be, getting ready.

The group of five soldiers from Battery C, 1st Battalion 4th Air Defense Artillery, are hitting the gym in preparation for the post-wide boxing tournament Nov. 27- Dec. 1 at King Field House.

"We have been training hard," said Zebedee Prather. "We've been running everyday as well as the normal PT in the morning. There is a lot of physical stuff that you have to do to prepare," Prather said. "We've done crunches, we've worked on neck movements, jump rope, the punching bag and lifted weights."

When not together as a team they do things by themselves to better their training and to make them a little more prepared for the tournament.

"I've been running and doing sit-ups," said Larry Graham. "I've also been shadow boxing and making sure I have my technique down. I want to make sure I perfect it."

"I have been trying to watch my diet," said Will Compton. "Trying to cut back on the things I shouldn't be having. I've also been practicing throwing technical punches when I'm working out on my own."

Boxing is a stamina driven sport. Getting in shape for boxing and staying in normal shape are two different things.

Sometimes boxers preparing for a particular event might do different things to get ready for a fight or a tournament.

"Boxing is mostly about stamina," said Compton. "You might be able to lift weights, but being able to throw punches consistently is something totally different."

"You really have to keep your wind up," said Graham. "Some people say they can run, but you have to be really conditioned to be able to breathe right in the ring."

"You have to have a balance between balance and strength," said Terrance Thomas. "You can be strong, but if you can't be quick enough to hit somebody then your going miss all day long and your only going to be able to take so many shots before you get knocked out."

The team banded together with only a little support from anywhere else.

"We have a really good team," said Thomas. "We don't have a lot of experience, but we have a lot of heart and determination."

We don't feel like we have a lot to lose. We are on our own, nobody is helping us out, but we plan to come home with a couple of trophies."



Will Compton gets ready to take his swings at the bag. Compton said he has been watching his diet and trying not to eat things he shouldn't before the tournament.

Freestyle Wrestling, Baltimore, Md., May 4-6.

Sgt. Keith Sieracki will wrestle at 76 kg. at the World Greco-Roman Championships in Athens, Greece, Dec. 6-9. The Richland Center, Wisc., native entered the Army Aug. 14, 1990 as a military policeman. Sieracki also placed first at the World Team Trials in Cincinnati.

Sieracki previously placed first and was named outstanding wrestler at the Dave Schultz Memorial Wrestling Tournament, Colorado Springs, Colo., May 10-12 and first at the U.S. National Championships in Las Vegas.

He placed second at the Pan American Championships, Santo Domingo,

knock them out or just win the decision. Nov. 27 is the day the post will rock with straight right hands, jabs, uppercuts, hooks and counterpunches.

At the end the last boxers will be standing, and like in the movie "Rocky," they will need the "Eye of the Tiger."

Blow for blow, the boxers will duke it out trying to out maneuver their opponent so they can

Dominican Republic, May 18-19.

Spc. Jason Loukides will wrestle at 97 kg. in the World Greco-Roman Championships. The Albion, Mich., native entered the Army Nov. 17, 1997 as an artillery cannon crewmember. Loukides finished second at the World Team Trials.

When first place finisher Garrett Lowney declined to participate due to collegiate obligations, Loukides took his spot.

Loukides also placed second at the U.S. National Championships in Vegas.

More than 600 competitors from 70 countries will participate in the World Championships, including competitors from wrestling powerhouses Russia, Iran, Turkey, Ukraine, and Korea.

By Douglas Ide
Army News Service

ALEXANDRIA, Va.—Three Army wrestlers will compete in wrestling's world championships in November and December. All three are assigned to the Army's World Class Athlete Program, a Morale, Welfare and Recreation program of the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center.

The world championships were originally scheduled for Madison Square Garden in New York City, Sept. 26-29. After the terrorist attacks on the United States on Sept. 11, the competition was postponed. A month later, FILA, the interna-

tional wrestling federation, relocated and rescheduled the competitions.

Sgt. Dominic Black will wrestle at 97 kg. in the World Freestyle Championships in Sofia, Bulgaria, Nov. 22-25. The Lexington, Ky., native entered the Army Nov. 17, 1997 as a cannon crewmember. An Olympic alternate in 2000, he earned a spot at the World's with a first place finish at the World Team Trials in Cincinnati, Ohio, June 22-24.

Earlier this year, Black placed first at the U.S. National Wrestling Championships, Las Vegas, Nev., April 13-15 and at the Armed Forces Championships (Freestyle), Fort Hood, Texas, March 10-12. He placed third at the World Cup of



Post/Skidmore

Ben Leber and Henry Bryant knock the ball free from Bulldog running back John Simon.

*By Deb Skidmore
Media Relations Officer*

The Kansas State Wildcats want a chance to make a ninth straight bowl appearance. In order to do this, they have several obstacles in their way.

First, (before Saturday’s game) the Cats just came off a four-game losing streak - their first in 12 years. Secondly, a season record of 4-5 forces the Wildcats to win their last two games against Louisiana Tech and Missouri just to gain bowl eligibility status. Bowl berths have been a part of Wildcat football since 1993 according to K-State Head Football Coach Bill Snyder. “Now, it’s whether we’re in a bowl or not,” he said.

According to Aaron Lockett, senior receiver, “We’re playing not only for our team, but for the guys who have put us in the same position since 1993.”

Thirdly, in Saturday’s game against Louisiana Tech, K-State’s sophomore quarterback, Ell

Roberson managed to pitch the ball away twice and threw an interception causing turnovers and lost points for the Wildcats. This was three of five major turnovers in the game.

However, on this mild November day at KSU Stadium, the Wildcats were trying to get one step closer to accomplishing their goal. The first obstacle was the Louisiana Tech Bulldogs.

The game was uphill just like the battle the Wildcats have fought the entire season. The problems began immediately in the first quarter when the Cats couldn’t get in for a TD and decided to settle for a field goal. The field goal was no good. The Wildcat disappointment was only worsened when Louisiana Tech went ahead by seven.

The Cats came back to get within five yards of scoring. Roberson pitched a bad ball that ended in a fumble/recovery by the Bulldogs.

The second quarter found the Wildcats sparked again. Senior Joe Hall, a 290 pound full back,

took off for a 61 yard run that set up a touchdown for Roberson. With 11:11 on the clock, the score was tied.

Hall’s run down field, complete with Bulldog tacklers hanging on him the last few yards, is the longest rush of the season by KSU.

Five minutes before halftime, the Cats showed the crowd of 47,069 what they could do.

Big Joe powered his way 18 yards down the field and Lockett answered by catching a high, overthrown pass from Roberson for a 46 yard gain. As the Cats knocked on the goal line of Louisiana Tech, bad luck took over again. Roberson was sacked. The team was hit with a delay of game penalty and a fumble turned the ball over to the Bulldogs on the 9 yard line.

The crowd chanted “Joe! Joe! Joe!” in hopes of Hall pulling them from the downward spiral.

However, just when all looked lost, the Bulldogs returned the favor by fumbling the ball and giving KSU a safety. The score was

9-7.

Junior Marc Dunn was brought in to replace Roberson. He got the team within field goal distance as freshman Joe Rheem kicked a 30 yard field goal for 3 points. The half ended with the score 12-7.

The second half was a see saw of ball exchange. Dunn passed for an interception that was later fumbled by the Bulldogs. Additionally, a series of Louisiana penalties to include holding, roughing the passer and off sides gave the Cats a break.

Josh Scobey, senior running back, was able to make the badly needed touch down. He rushed for 113 yards on Saturday. Rheem added the extra point. The score was 19-7.

The fourth quarter found the Wildcats adding points with a Rock Cartwright run, followed by Hall powering his huge frame in for six along with Rheem’s points after.

After a slow start, the game ended with the Wildcats on top 40-7.

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Operation Santa Claus begins collections for Christmas

By Lillian Flegle
Contributing Writer

Santa's elves are gearing up for the Christmas holiday. Santa's new workshop, Bldg. 222, was formally the site of the old Post Thrift Shop across the street from Polk Hall on Main Post.

Operation Santa Claus is accepting gifts and donations, with the traditional

ribbon cutting ceremony for Operation Santa Claus set for 4 p.m. Dec. 3.

According to Sgt. Maj. James Sands, garrison sergeant major and head elf, "The ribbon cutting shows the formal support by the installation of Operation Santa Claus."

Sands said everyone is invited to the ceremony, including folks from the Junction City and Manhattan areas, sergeants

majors and commanders from the battalions, as well as those from the Command Group.

"Operation Santa Claus provides toys and a Christmas spirit to children who may not otherwise have a joyous Christmas," explained Sands, "This is meant to help families such as younger enlisted soldiers with a lot of kids, or single parents with two or three kids that are hav-

ing a pretty rough time making ends meet."

"We usually provide two brand-new gifts to each child," he said.

MSgt. Mike Hitzges, HHC, 937th Engineer Group and senior elf, explained that the Fort Riley Chapter of the Non-Commissioned Officers Association sponsors Operation Santa Claus and assists the battalion chains of command

in knowing which military families would benefit most from the program.

CSM Dan Elder, 3rd Battalion, 75th Division command sergeant major and chapter chairman of the NCOA, said, "NCOA stepped up and said they wanted to be a part of Operation Santa Claus because we believe this is a good event

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Fort Riley honors native culture

By Jeremy Heckler
19th Public Affairs Det.

The culture and heritage of Native Americans was on display Nov. 14 at Normandy Theater.

Fort Riley celebrated Native American Heritage Month by highlighting the music, dances and other parts of the culture.

"I'm here to inform and educate people about our heritage," said Rev. Roger Scott of Wichita United Methodist Church. Scott, the keynote speaker of the ceremony said that the program gave an opportunity to inform people not only about the culture of Native Americans but also the issues affecting them.

The Red Thunder Drum Group appeared, bringing their form of dance and music to Fort Riley.

"The members of the group are part of the Northern Drum style, which has a higher pitch and faster beat than the Southern Drum style that I perform," said Scott, a member of the Choctaw nation.

The dancers performed a variety of dances from the fancy shuttle dance to the grass dance.

Scott's church sponsors the drum group. He said it helps give groups who come to his church an identity.

"Many parts of our culture and language have been taken away. So they don't fit into any tribe or any European tribe and you have no identity," said Scott. "Without identity you turn to other things. We try to give that identity and help our young people grow up proud of who they are."

The drum group provides a large part of that identity and culture through dance.

"The grass dance is a spiritual dance," said PFC Michael Brown, Company A, 1st Bn., 41st Inf. of the performance at the celebration. "The yarn on their outfits represents the grass swaying in the wind. Now the dance is more of a social dance."

Brown, a member of the Sioux and Choctaw nation, came to see his sister and father perform in the event. He said he used to participate in the dances, but now like to watch.

For many Native American soldiers, the Army provides a safe haven for them and their beliefs.

"I love the Army because it's the only place I've ever been where I haven't experienced racism," said Spec. Marnelle Big Crow, HHC, 937th Engineer Group.



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SFC Charles King of HHC, 3rd Brigade Combat Team is hard at work on a piece recognizing troops serving in Kosovo. King won second place in the accomplished drawing category of the FORSCOM art competition.

Artists win FORSCOM honors

By Jeremy Heckler
19th Public Affairs Det.

It is the skill of the artist that transforms a simple image into a magical experience on canvas or in sculpture.

Fort Riley recently honored the special artists who won at the FORSCOM level art competition. The winners of the contest are from a variety of different styles and traditions.

"I recruit artists who want to enter," said Marilyn Paras, art specialist at the Arts and Crafts center. Paras said that she normally recruits artists as they come in for frames or to use the facilities.

"I was inspired by the Buffalo Soldiers," said SFC Charles King, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, who took second place in the accomplished drawing competition. "I was inspired by their commitment to the community and how they still are able to get out to participate."

King drew a representation of the memorial to the Buffalo Soldiers with the surviving members looking on above it. He said that he took sketches of the monument and incorporated them with pictures that he took of the surviving members of the Buffalo Soldiers to

create his project.

King has been drawing for the past 14 years, having studied at the Art Institute of Chicago. This is the second in a string of projects dedicated to the work of African American soldiers. His first project highlighted the 761st Tank Battalion, an all African American tank battalion during World War II.

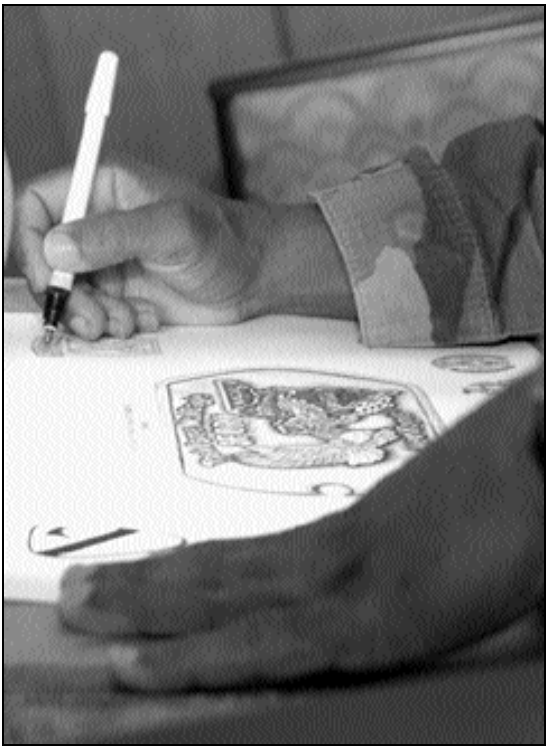
"I just want to raise public awareness and teach people about the role African Americans played in history and it is where I commit most of my work," said King.

For the youngest winner, the road to stardom as an artist started with a few words of wisdom from his parents.

"I started working on a project in my bedroom when my dad told me about the contest," said Mitch Gerber, a 16-year-old winner in the novice drawing event. "They got me the poster board and kept encouraging me even though I doubted myself."

Gerber, who has been drawing since he was eight said that he hopes to emulate the style of M. C. Usher, a 19th Century artist. He intended his artwork as testimonial to the Army.

"My project represents all the things that the Army is about," said Gerber. "It's about defending your country, honor and knowing



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SFC Charles King sketches out the details of the 10th Mountain Division patch.

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Fort Riley community continues support for holiday charities



Post/Pritchett

CWO2 Robert Holt and CWO2 Mycra Pinckney of the Mid-America Chapter of the Warrant Officers Association pick out Thanksgiving turkeys to give to Fort Riley families.

From Staff Reports

American response to the tragedy of Sept. 11 was overwhelming for many of the charities accepting donations right after the events of that fateful day.

Many also wondered how long Americans would continue to reach into their pocket and give to those in need.

Here at Fort Riley, the spirit of giving is alive and well during the holiday season.

Several organizations are collecting food, money and toys to help other members of the Army community during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

Not every person has a warm place to stay and warm food to eat for Thanksgiving, but the students and faculty at Fort Riley Element-

tary School are doing their best to help out the situation.

The students and faculty held a food drive Nov. 12-20, to help those in the community who might need a hand during the holidays.

"We wanted to help out others in our community and our world," said Carlin Kuhlman, a third grade teacher and student council sponsor at the school. "Thanksgiving time is always a good time to help others out."

The food the students collected went to the Junction City Open Door, which helps families in the community.

There are also other collections going in in the Fort Riley community this season. For example, during this year's Thanksgiving holiday services, chapels on Fort

Riley will have specific offering plates for Operation Helping Hand, a program to provide Christmas meals to soldier families.

Individuals can send their donations through their unit's first sergeant or command sergeant major. Senior NCOs turn in their donations Dec.3. The program is dependent on the money raised by the units and the offerings.

In addition to turning in donations, they turn in a list of needy families who they feel are eligible for a donation.

"Units supply the name of soldiers perceived to be needy for the Christmas period," said Chap. (Lt. Col.) Thomas Condry, chaplain resource manager. He said the program is open to all needy families regardless of rank or the

number of family members.

"A check is made out to the Commissary to buy food, the amount is based on the number of family members," said Chaplain (Maj.) James Paulson, Family Life chaplain and coordinator of the program. The only restrictions on what the families can buy are no cigarettes and no frozen entrees.

Organizations are also involved. Members of the Warrant Officers Association collect throughout the year, through fundraising events to put together 50 baskets of Thanksgiving food for junior enlisted families in need, according to CWO2 Mycra Pinckney, president of the Mid-America Chapter of the WOA. More than \$900 was spent on the baskets this year.

Holiday meals prepared

By Kevin Doheny
Staff Writer

Thanksgiving. It's a holiday for the hungriest of the hungry.

Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes mixed in with a dab of football. It's a time to relax, enjoy and be thankful.

When holidays come, some soldiers don't get the chance to make a trip to their hometowns to visit with family and friends.

Instead of missing the big feast on Turkey Day, Fort Riley dining facilities are preparing their own feasts for the soldiers.

"The Thanksgiving meal is the biggest meal the Army puts together," said MSgt. Vera Hannah, installation food services NCOIC. "We look forward to this meal because of the variety of people who are there."

The preparation for an event such as the Thanksgiving meal is done in detail and much is done to get ready for it.

"About two weeks out, we start prepping for the meal," said Hannah. "The prep team comes in the night before and starts the prep for the meal the next day."

Hannah said she believes this meal is special for soldiers who are unable to go home for Thanksgiving.

"Soldiers who can't go home, can sit down in the chow hall and relax with their other family, the people they work with. I've been there, and it's lonely when you're not at home for the holidays," she said.

Hannah also said the people who prepare the food take a little more care and take a little more pride in preparing this meal.

"They want to give the soldiers a warm feeling of home since they are not at home with family," she said.

Hannah said she gets

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for the community, on and off-post. “The Chain of Command knows their soldiers and families best,” said Sands, “Sergeants major in the units put the word out and soldiers can go to their line supervisors. The companies turn their requests in to the battalion, the battalions consolidate all their company lists, and bring the lists to Operation Santa Claus from the battalion level. Once we get the names we pick gifts according to the age and sex of each child, put their names on them and group the gifts by battalion in a conex box, then we call the battalions and they pick them up.”

Sands said OSC takes care of Fort Riley’s own first, which are the children of Fort Riley soldiers. Next, OSC gives gifts to the children of Department of Defense and Department of the Army civilian employees because, as Sands put it, “It’s not just the soldiers who are having a rough time at Christmas.”

Local communities, the Salvation Army, Flint Hills Breadbasket, as well as the National Guard and Army Reserves also enjoy the Christmas spirit of Operation Santa Claus. Elves also visit children in three of the local hospitals on Christmas Day.

“My elves are everywhere,” said Sands, “they leave drop boxes in different locations, collect coin and dollar donations, and deliver toys.”

“We help the National Guard, the Air Force and anybody in any of the services or who works for Fort Riley, and even in the local area,” Sands said.

“We went as far as Wichita last year, he said. “We got a request from Wichita, their children. Operation Helping Hand helps with food donations during the holidays while OSC provides new toys to children. There are two different lists for these operations.”

According to Sands the program is getting a late start this year due to the unfortunate events in the world, but they expect to be just as successful this year as last, even with the high level of security on post.

“We’re soldiers first,” said Sands, “but we have to think of our families too.”

Sands promotes Operation Santa Claus as a program for all, and believes it’s one of the best.

“There are enough people in the community, and with the community being like it is both off-post and on, they keep Operation Santa Claus in mind year

‘round. We have a bank that matches each donation of up to \$200. The folks in the community donate wrapping paper, tape, and even cash. It’s in the hearts and minds of everybody,” he said.

Sands encourages everyone to feel free to work with Operation Santa Claus.

“We need people to wrap presents, and it’s a great way for everyone to contribute,” he said.

“I like the way we do it because it’s certifiable. The leadership knows who needs help and who doesn’t, and I think that’s a plus,” siad Sands.

OSC officials hope no one is too proud to accept these gifts because, in Sands words, “Christmas is a time of giving, and as soldiers, we want to be able to give to as many people as we can so everyone has a wonderful holiday.”

Operation Santa Kick Off
4 p.m., Dec. 3
Bldg. 222
Main Post

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what you believing is right.”

For Sgt. Walter Jawors of MEDDAC, who won multiple awards for his photography, the goal is to take pictures that uplift.

“I want to bring a positive feeling so that people know hope and peace in the new millennia,” said Jawors.

Paras said there are usually winners every time they enter.

She said many people think that because they don’t have some of the fancy art supplies that they don’t have a chance to win.

“The competition has a lot of different categories, Mitch’s literally is a pencil drawing,” said Paras. “You don’t need to have pastels or chalk because entries can range from the simple to the complex.”

It isn’t usually about the type of equipment used but just the art in the artist.

“I tell people that everyone has an art touch, whether it’s been tapped or not,” said Paras. “They need to tap into themselves for art.”

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feedback from soldiers saying how the meal was and how well it was prepared. She also said it is the way for the soldiers who are working the shift, to feel like they are being worthwhile during the day.

“When I get positive feedback from the soldiers, it makes me feel very proud of myself and of the soldiers who are actually doing the work,” said Hannah.

The meals will be held today at the 1st and 3rd Brigade, 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery and the 937th Engineer Group’s Dinning Facilities, and tomorrow at the Main Post dinning facility.

The time for the lunches today are, 1st Brigade dining facility, noon-3 p.m., 3rd Brigade dining facility, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 4-1 FA dining facility, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and the 937th Eng. Grp. dining facility at noon-2p.m.

The Main Post dining facility will have their Thanksgiving meal tomorrow from 11 a.m-3 p.m.

The meals are available to soldiers, spouses and family members, civilian employees, retirees and their families and no limit on guests of soldiers.

Also, today there will be a contest between the chow halls to see which one did the best job in decorating their building.

The time for the judging will be 10:30-10:50 a.m. for the 1st Brigade dining facility, 10:55-11:20a.m. for the 3rd Brigade’s dining facility, 11:30-11:55 a.m. for the 4-1 FA dining facility and 11:55 a.m.-12:15 p.m. for the 937th Eng. Grp.’s dining facility.

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Effective Monday, the Post Shuttle Bus will change its route. The present two routes will be combined into one route that covers Main Post and Custer Hill. The new schedule is listed below.

Regulations permit shuttle bus service for military personnel and DOD employees between offices, work areas, troop billets, and dining facilities during designated hours. When space is available, off duty personnel, Reserve and National Guard, family members of active duty personnel, retirees and visitors may be provided with transportation on established routes.

The Shuttle Bus runs from 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Personnel with questions concerning the Shuttle Bus can contact 239-2519/3382.

Bldg. 375 TMP	7:30 a.m.						1:30 p.m.			
Bldg. 600 Hospital (in front)	7:33 a.m.	8:33 a.m.	9:33 a.m.	10:33 a.m.	11:33 a.m.	1:33 p.m.	2:33 p.m.	3:33 p.m.		
Bldg. 500 Info Booth	7:36 a.m.	8:36 a.m.	9:36 a.m.	10:36 a.m.	11:36 a.m.	1:36 p.m.	2:36 p.m.	3:36 p.m.		
Bldg. 45 Carr Hall	7:38 a.m.	8:38 a.m.	9:38 a.m.	10:38 a.m.	11:38 a.m.	1:38 p.m.	2:38 p.m.	3:38 p.m.		
Bldg. 202 King Field House	7:40 a.m.	8:40 a.m.	9:40 a.m.	10:40 a.m.	11:40 a.m.	1:40 p.m.	2:40 p.m.	3:40 p.m.		
Bldg. 210 Replacement Center	7:41 a.m.	8:41 a.m.	9:41 a.m.	10:41 a.m.	11:41 a.m.	1:41 p.m.	2:41 p.m.	3:41 p.m.		
Bldg. 2999A Colyer Manor	7:46 a.m.	8:46 a.m.	9:46 a.m.	10:46 a.m.	11:46 a.m.	1:46 p.m.	2:46 p.m.	3:46 p.m.		
Bldg. 2310 Commissary	7:49 a.m.	8:49 a.m.	9:49 a.m.	10:49 a.m.	11:49 a.m.	1:49 p.m.	2:49 p.m.	3:49 p.m.		
Bldg. 6916 PX	7:53 a.m.	8:53 a.m.	9:53 a.m.	10:53 a.m.	11:53 a.m.	1:53 p.m.	2:53 p.m.	3:53 p.m.		
Bldg. 7000B ACS	7:58 a.m.	8:58 a.m.	9:58 a.m.	10:58 a.m.	11:58 a.m.	1:58 p.m.	2:58 p.m.	3:58 p.m.		
Bldg. 7000C Bowling Alley	7:59 a.m.	8:59 a.m.	9:59 a.m.	10:59 a.m.	11:59 a.m.	1:59 p.m.	2:59 p.m.	3:59 p.m.		
Bldg. 7000D Normandy Theater	8 a.m.	9 a.m.	10 a.m.	11 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	3 p.m.	4 p.m.		
Bldg. 8069 Long Gym	8:01 a.m.	9:01 a.m.	10:01 a.m.	11:01 a.m.	12:01 p.m.	2:01 p.m.	3:01 p.m.	4:01 p.m.		
Bldg. 8100 DOL Maintenance	8:03 a.m.	9:03 a.m.	10:03 a.m.	11:03 a.m.	12:03 p.m.	2:03 p.m.	3:03 p.m.	4:03 p.m.		
Bldg. 7000G Apennines & Brown	8:04 a.m.	9:04 a.m.	10:04 a.m.	11:04 a.m.	12:04 p.m.	2:04 p.m.	3:04 p.m.	4:04 p.m.		
Bldg. 7000G Apennines & Shanks	8:05 a.m.	9:05 a.m.	10:05 a.m.	11:05 a.m.	12:05 p.m.	2:05 p.m.	3:05 p.m.	4:05 p.m.		
Bldg. 7305 Troop Schools	8:06 a.m.	9:06 a.m.	10:06 a.m.	11:06 a.m.	12:06 p.m.	2:06 p.m.	3:06 p.m.	4:06 p.m.		
Bldg. 7000A Apennines & Siebert	8:07 a.m.	9:07 a.m.	10:07 a.m.	11:07 a.m.	12:07 p.m.	2:07 p.m.	3:07 p.m.	4:07 p.m.		
Bldg. 5308 Post Office	8:10 a.m.	9:10 a.m.	10:10 a.m.	11:10 a.m.	12:10 p.m.	2:10 p.m.	3:10 p.m.	4:10 p.m.		
Bldg. 4699B Will.Point & Roosevelt	8:12 a.m.	9:12 a.m.	10:12 a.m.	11:12 a.m.	12:12 p.m.	2:12 p.m.	3:12 p.m.	4:12 p.m.		
Bldg. 600 Hospital	8:17 a.m.	9:17 a.m.	10:17 a.m.	11:17 a.m.	12:17 p.m.	2:17 p.m.	3:17 p.m.	4:17 p.m.		
Bldg. 375 TMP								4:20 p.m.		

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Post honors WWII POWs

By Jeremy Heckler
19th PAD

For all those who gave their lives in the service of their country, there are those who are forever removed from their homeland, buried among fellow soldiers.

Fort Riley recognized a few of those fallen soldiers during German and Italian POW and MIA Recognition Day ceremony at the post cemetery.

German and Italian soldiers serving at Fort Leavenworth presented wreaths honoring their fellow countrymen and spoke of the sacrifice they gave.

"This weekend Germany and Italy celebrate their Memorial Day," said Col. Helmut Muhl, German liaison to the Combined Arms College at Fort Leavenworth. "This is a time to mourn over the dead who had fallen to despotism."

"We are here to commemorate 78 people who died as prisoners of war who in the past served their country convinced it was the right cause," said Muhl.

"Sixty years later we find that they sacrificed for the wrong cause in a war that was for an absurd political goal but they did not die in vain. They

died to end 12 years of dictatorship," he said.

Muhl told of the destruction war caused to families and societies and how the Allies came together to rebuild those societies that hope to prevent the atrocities of World War II from occurring again.

"We want to thank the country and people who treated our POWs so well and helped Germany end despotism and rebuild communities and cities," said Muhl.

Muhl spoke of the prisoners of war who served in Kansas and around the United States during World War II. He said that they were treated well during their time here. They were entrusted with repairing Army vehicles, picking beans and other assignments.

"The men who died here were treated well and did not die from their imprisonment," said Muhl. "All the men buried here lost their lives due to disease."

"I'm proud that Fort Riley took care of them while they were prisoners," said Henine McDonald from Junction City. McDonald, a German immigrant, said that two of her neighbors were former prisoners of war and told her how they were treated during the war.

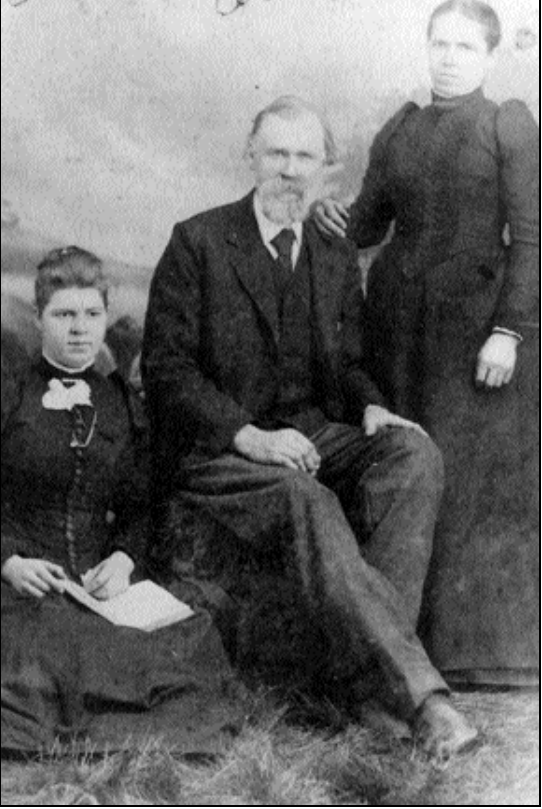
"We're here to pay homage to the fallen POWs regardless of their nationality," said McDonald.

"The soldiers here deserve the highest gratitude for what they gave in the service of their country," said Capt. Giovanni Gagliano, a student of the Combined Arms College. He said that the men fought as brothers with a shared bond of sacrifice that allowed his country and the United States to come together to ensure peace.

By Scott Price
Community Relations Officer

Covered With Glory: The 26th North Carolina Infantry at the Battle of Gettysburg by Rod Gragg, Publisher Harper Collins Publishers, New York, 304 pages; 16 pages of illustrations, Hardback \$27.50; Paper \$15.00

Every once in a great while, a book is published that simply put, is much more than a



Courtesy Photo

1st Sgt. Caleb Estes, Co. F, 26th North Calina Infantry CSA and family.

book. Some such historical studies are more like time machines that take us back to another time and place. Such is the case with Rod Gragg's Covered With Glory. It is even more gratifying when a local tie can be established with such a landmark study.

This book tells the story of the 26th North Carolina Infantry regiment's bone weary march to and fateful rendezvous with destiny at Gettysburg, Pa., in early July 1863. The 26th was one of the finest regiments in Robert E. Lee's Army of North Virginia and in the opening phase of the battle was called upon to drive the famous Iron Brigade from its positions in McPherson's Ridge.

The soldiers from the "old North state" as they called their home in Carolina pitched into the Union formations and in a relentless assault ground the western foes to pieces. The 24th Michigan Infantry Regiment started the fight with 496 officers and men and ended it 97 still standing, suffering a casualty rate of 80 percent. Its sister unit, the 19th Indiana Infantry, lost all but 78 of its 288 soldiers.

While the Iron Brigade was effectively destroyed as a fighting force in the struggle for McPherson's Ridge on that great and terrible day, the 26th North Carolina suffered a similar fate.

The regiment entered the battle for the Herbst Woods with over 800 officers and men and ended that epic struggle with just 212 men remaining. The black-hatted Yankees in the Army of the Potomac's Iron Brigade had exacted a fearful toll on their attackers. Fourteen men who carried the regiment's battle flag that day, to included the regiment's commander Col. Henry K. Burgwyn Jr., would be either killed or wounded by their tenacious foe.

One man, who would later leave his home in North Carolina to homestead near Fort

Riley following the war, took place in that fearful fight. 1st Sgt. Caleb Estes, of Company F, the Hibriten Guards, made it through the hard fight with just a handful of the company's 91 men left unscathed. When he gathered all able-bodied men from guarding prisoners and the regiment's supply train, he counted 11 effectives, including himself, according to his great nephew, Jesses Estes, of Wamego.

"I have walked across the same field at Gettysburg that my ancestors crossed that day," Estes, who had several relatives in the assault, said. "It made the hair on the back of my neck stand on edge. I could almost hear their voices and cries in the wind."

Estes' great uncle was captured following a battle with a wagon train of wounded soldiers at the Battle of Falling Waters in July 1863 and was sent to a prisoner of war camp in Maryland. At the war's end, only 120 survivors of the 26th North Carolina Infantry Regiment remained to lay down their rifles at Appomattox Court House on April 12, 1865.

The author of the book uses official accounts of the battle as well as scores of letters and diaries of surviving soldiers to paint a vivid portrait of the opening stages of the most important battle ever fought on the North American continent.

He does an excellent job in placing the young warriors on both sides in their proper historical and social contexts. The 16 pages of illustrations give faces to the more important and poignant stories related in the book. All in all, the book is a fascinating account of small unit leadership in combat and what the leaders accomplished while under impossible levels of stress.

In the final analysis, Gragg proves once again, that men don't risk their lives to fight for concepts or ideals or even words written on pieces of paper; they fight for their friends.

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